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RAJYA SABHA

Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna

**1306. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA:
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:**

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna and state-wise number of project sanctioned so far;

(b) the number of proposals pending for sanction from each state and likely time for its clearance; and

(c) the advantage derived from this programme over Janata Cloth and Project Package Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The Scheme namely Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna has been introduced with the aims and objectives to take care of a wide gamut of activities such as product development, infrastructure support, institutional support, training to weavers, supply of equipments and marketing support etc. both at macro and micro level, in an integrated and coordinated manner for an overall development of the sector and benefit to handloom weavers. So far 04 projects have been sanctioned under the Scheme to Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh States.

(b) 21 Number of proposals have been received from the states of Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and Chhattisgarh and are under consideration on merit of each Project as recommended by respective State Governments.

(c) The advantage from the Scheme can only be assessed on completion of projects and the extent of benefits that reach to the weavers. However, the Scheme envisages to cater to the needs of weavers by providing working capital, basic inputs, increase in productivity, marketing incentives etc.

Effect of Excise Duty Structure on Medium Scale Process Houses

1307. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had represented to the Finance Ministry against the Excise Duty structure on medium scale process houses in the country; and

(b) what is the impact of the present excise and import policies on the medium scale process houses in the country in the years 1999-2000 and till date?